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Senate Republicans elect Cassis as majority caucus chairman

LANSING—Michigan Senate Republicans today elected Sen. Nancy Cassis as the Senate majority caucus chair for the upcoming Senate session.

“The challenges facing Michigan during the next several years are significant,” said Cassis, R-Nov. “As majority caucus chair, I will work to bring our caucus members together under a common vision and help coordinate that vision. I will also continue working to find solutions to the issues of joblessness and our tough economic climate.”

Cassis brings several years’ experience in the Legislature to her new position. She served six years in the House, where she was the first woman to chair the Tax Policy Committee. She has been a leader in the Senate for the past four years, serving as Chair of the Senate Finance Committee. During her time in the Legislature, Cassis has been a leader in tax reform, eliminating the SBT, advocating for small business, and supporting public education and student success.

Cassis said she is looking forward to working with Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, today’s newly elected Senate majority leader.

“Sen. Bishop is going to be a strong and effective leader of the Senate,” said Cassis. “I am confident that under his leadership, Senate Republicans, working with members of the state House and the governor, will bring creative solutions to Michigan’s difficulties to help get the state back on track.”

Senate Republicans also filled the following leadership positions today:

- Majority floor leader: Sen. Alan Cropsey
- Majority whip: Sen. Jason Allen
- Assistant majority leader: Sen. Michelle McManus
- Assistant majority floor leader: Sen. Cameron Brown
- Assistant majority whip: Sen.-elect Roger Kahn
- Assistant majority caucus chairman: Sen.-elect Mark Jansen
- President pro tempore (nominated by caucus; elected by Senate): Sen.-elect Randy Richardville
- Assistant president pro tempore (nominated by caucus; elected by Senate): Sen. Alan Sanborn

The Republican senators will assume their new roles when Michigan’s 94th Legislature convenes in January.

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